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ENGLAND WELCOMES U. S. TO SAVE GERMANY

SHORT STORIES

Facts With Frills, Facetious and Otherwise. By "S. S."

It's time to think of Santa Claus.

What's become of all the bad little boys?

Crowds off to the woods today to collect holly and mistletoe.

City Father Poteet turned his automobile into a hoodlum wagon Saturday afternoon.

George Sims declares S. S. stands for "soft spots" because it gets him in so many of his, he explains.

Fire Chief Clyde La Rose brought home the ducks Saturday. Killed nine, he says, and would have killed more, but he couldn't hit 'em.

Fire department got its first run in 16 days Saturday about noon when a cable carrying high voltage was snapped by ditching machine on Sixth street and Fort Worth avenue.

"Guess we'd better get a reply to this out right away, for I see R. S. V. P. for 'respond very promptly,' written in the lower corner," said Mayor Logan to his secretary recently.

"All wrong about first 1923 licenses on Port Arthur streets Friday. I've had one tacked on my car for the past week," S. S. was informed Saturday by W. H. Achey, 1316 Procter street.

Crowds watching a miniature electric train speeding around a track in a local merchant's show window Saturday night were not made up entirely of little boys. For instance, W. L. Godbold was among those present.

Policemen are training their mascot, a kitten, in the gentle art of catching mice. A tin member of the mouse species is being used and the laddies declare that the toy, in addition to teaching the cat a useful occupation, is also a Christmas present to tabby from the force.

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LETTER FROM PORT ARTHUR TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: We've been awfully good. All year we've been doing the best we could, so when you're making your rounds this year, be sure and don't fail to make a stop here.

We're wanting sunshine the very worst way, for it's misting rain here almost every day. How can we beat Palm Beach as a winter resort, if our climate continues to be of this sort?

Far be it from us to complain or knock, but Santa won't you please drop in our sock a 5c car fare—we're still paying eight—and whatever you think is a fair gas rate?

Something else we'd like from you, old pal, is a strong revetment for our canal. We gave it an inch and it wants a mile and fear it will be up town after while.

And listen and hearken and heed, Santa Dear. Please leave us a ball park when you stop off here. It's a heck of a note and a dawggone pity that our park is a pasture here in this city.

Mail That Parcel!

(AN EDITORIAL)

Does your Christmas greeting or your Christmas gift carry twice as much good will and assurance of thoughtfulness when it arrives before Christmas as when it comes late? It does. Very well, that is the whole question of doing your Christmas mailing early.

All the regular men and all the extra help the postoffice can obtain will work all the time that human nature can stand from now until Christmas, and after.

The postoffice asks the co-operation of citizens in order that it may serve the public better.

Mailing early doesn't mean that you should allow a card that ordinarily would take two days four days to get there. That isn't enough, for it may easily be overlaid with the tremendous load that comes in at the last minute.

Suppose you were accustomed to having a load of something brought to your door every morning which you sorted and packed into your flivver and took somewhere? Then if some morning there were two loads, you could by working hard handle them. But if instead of doubling your job, there were 10 loads suddenly dumped, what would happen?

The earlier stuff would be covered up by the later. If you wanted to work fast you'd take the later load first. If you started tumbling things around, you'd lose time. Now that is what happens at the postoffice. If today's mail can't be handled today—and that means working right up until tomorrow's begins coming in—then there's extra handling.

The postoffice, greatly to its credit, has made an increasingly good record. It has had something to brag about and has generously attributed this to the public's co-operation.

Don't say the postoffice is paid to do this and let it go at that. No one is paid to do something that can't be done. If you want to get there by Christmas, you know how.

POLAND UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Follows Assassination of President Narutowicz

DISORDERS FEARED

Was Elected Dec. 11 by Anti-Pole Elements

WARSAW, Dec. 16.—Inaugurated president of Poland amid scenes of bloodshed and riot, Gabriel Narutowicz fell before an assassin's bullet today after having been in office five days.

Narutowicz was assassinated by an artist student who gave the name of Niewadomski. The president was receiving visitors at the opening of an art institute when the student pushed through the crowd and fired at point blank range. Three bullets struck the mark and the president crumbled to the floor. He was borne to an anteroom where surgeons pronounced him dead.

Assassin Insane.

Meanwhile the crowd seized the student and he was rescued by guards after a struggle and hustled away. After he had been questioned, police stated he was a mad man and that he undoubtedly acted only for himself, not as the agent or tool of a group opposed to Narutowicz and his radical policies.

However, the cabinet was summoned at once and it issued a proclamation of martial law throughout the entire country. This makes it appear there may be more behind the assassination than has been disclosed.

Narutowicz's reigns was stormy throughout. He was elected after bitter balloting in the national assembly and strong Polish nationalists ascertained he was the candidate of the Jews, Germans and other non-Polish elements.

Nationalists' Foe.

Mobs attempted to prevent his going to the government building to take the oath of office and he was finally sworn in amid the howling of a hostile crowd outside, in a chamber from which all the nationalists members absented themselves. Surrounded by troops, the president left the building afterward. Passing through mobs which pelted him with snowballs and other missiles.

The few days which have elapsed since then have been marked by frequent disturbances. Anti-Narutowicz meetings were held on the street corners. The president was heavily guarded wherever he went. His political opponents and bitterest enemies, however received news of his death today with expressions of sorrow.

STORE CLOSINGS AT 9 FOR XMAS

Merchants Prepare for Final Week's Rush

In order to handle the final rush of Christmas shoppers expected this week, merchant have agreed to keep their stores open until 9 o'clock, commencing Wednesday night and continuing through Saturday night, when the stores will be open "until everybody has gone home," it was announced last night by Felix Brossard, secretary of the Retail Merchants' association.

Haircuts Until 8.

Between Wednesday and Friday nights, inclusive, Port Arthur barbers will stay open until 8 o'clock, instead of closing at 7, as now, and next Saturday night the shops will be kept open until 9 o'clock, Secretary Smith of the Barbers' union, stated Saturday.

"Buying Santa Claus" went merrily in Port Arthur Saturday, if the number of men, women and children seen carrying bundles is any criterion. Delivery trucks, also laden with all sorts of cargo from a package of raisins to Christmas trees, mingled with the downtown traffic.

Windows Brilliant.

Old and young alike did "window shopping," strolling from store to store and examining the Yuletide offerings, set off with decorations of holly and evergreens, and flooded with soft and brilliant lights. Despite the inclement weather, every one seemed jolly and steeped in the spirit of Christmas.

4 HELD AS SUSPECTS IN BANK ROBBERY

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 16.—Four men were held here tonight as suspects in the robbery of a bank at Caddo, Oklahoma, yesterday.

The men, who are said to fit the descriptions of bandits who looted the bank of $30,000, will be detained, pending identification.

RAIN

EAST TEXAS—Sunday probably rain; colder in north; cold wave in northwest and north central. Monday fair and colder in east and south.

WEST TEXAS: Sunday cloudy, colder; cold wave in north portion Sunday night. Monday fair, continued cold.

THE MISTAKES OF THE KAISER

By RENE VIVIANI

Premier of France When the War Broke Out

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WHENCE COMES WILLIAM, WAR LORD OF EUROPE?

CHAPTER I.

I take up my pen after having, naturally, read the memoirs of the Emperor with care. I am going to answer them, passing over what is negligible therein; my desire is to make a rapid and exact synthesis, not a table of contents. Whenever necessary, I shall make a resume of the outstanding parts of these memoirs, at which, in most cases, truth will fling a denial. I shall endeavor to follow, amid contradictions, half-avowals and inexplicable silences, the thread of these pages, which are mostly lacking in the proofs that were promised and expected.

I shall point the frightful mental confusion, the even more frightful blindness, and the contempt with which the ex-Emperor affirms and writes—certainly as late as 1921, possibly in 1922—without paying the slightest heed to the plentiful documents which history has harvested in order to place them at the feet of Justice.

The book of the Emperor seems as if it had been written in 1918, at the time of his fall and flight, when we did not know about most of the facts and telegrams which he, the Emperor, knew full well, since he had commented upon them in notes which were at times filthy.

Omissions Astounding.

What hopes are harbored by this writer, who seems to handle the pen even worse than the sword? He knows nothing of the books of certain Germans, whose consciences made them courageous; of the 1919 revelations of the new government of the Reich, which have substituted for the first White Book, which contained 36 documents, a White Book composed of 521 documents; of the Bavarian revelations; of the revelations of the Austrian Red Book. He passes over in silence the terrible dispatches of the Austrian Ambassador at Berlin and makes statements as if these dispatches had never existed. Yet he knows about these things as well as we do; in fact, he knows even more about them than we do, since undoubtedly important documents were spirited away from the Imperial Palace at the very moment in 1918 when the august and heroic emperor assured his own safety by means of a headlong flight.

Such are the Memoirs.

Add to this the untiring repetitions of German propaganda. Statements

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Shoots Octogenarian He Gave a Home Because He Smoked in Bed

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Richard Weston, 60, found Richard O'Neil, 80, a stranger, wandering homeless in the street and brought the aged man into his own home to live. Weston, according to neighbors, objected to O'Neil smoking in bed, and during a quarrel, the latter was shot and seriously wounded.

O'Neil fled after the shooting.

Lucky Kids

Miss Betty McCreary, with another nurse and an American doctor, has succeeded in wiping out the seven-year itch among the children of Erivan, ancient capital of Armenia. The disease formerly claimed a large toll each year from the half-famished youngsters of the region.

ROAD CONTRACTS ARE PROTESTED

Million Dollar Projects Subjects of Much Dispute

Disapproval of road contracts involving approximately $1,000,000 will be issued of the state highway department by a committee composing the citizen's advisory committee, which will depart Sunday for Austin, it became known today.

Following a conference today with Manager R. C. Bracken of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, decision was reached to send the committee to the meeting of the highway commission, which convenes Monday at Austin.

H. M. Hargrove is chairman of the committee, which is composed of H. A. McDonald, Dr. A. Hazlip, G. A. Keith, C. C. Hawkins and T. E. Gifford.

ESTES TO CONVENE COURT AFTER RECESS

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 16. — United States district court for the Southern district of Texas, recessed since the death of the 10 year old daughter of Judge W. L. Estes, is scheduled to reconvene here Monday for trial of a number of cases brought about resultant of violations of various phases of national prohibition enforcement laws.

The judge will hear application for change of venue in the case of M. T. Gonzallos and M. T. Nixter, prohibition enforcement agents charged with slaying Justice H. E. Showers last July.

JOINT TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HERE DEC. 20

Opening of a branch office of the county and state tax collector in Port Arthur about December 20 for the convenience of Port Arthur taxpayers, was announced Saturday. The office, as in previous years, will be located in S. O. Latimer's office, corner of Procter street and Waco avenue, and a special deputy collector will be in charge.

In addition to the regular county and state taxes on property, 1923 automobile license taxes may be paid here, it was stated.

BOOZE 'UNION'

600 Bootleggers Organize to Fight Dry Drive

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—More than 600 illicit liquor dealers have organized into the "Bootlegger's union," according to information in the hands of United States District Attorney Charles Cline tonight.

Cline declared the bootleggers of every nationality were joined in an alliance to fight the recent drive launched against dealers of forbidden liquor.

The payment of $500 a year, Cline said, guarantees the union bootlegger bail not to exceed $2,000 and an attorney when he is arrested.

Poteet Feels Force Of Daugherty 'Law' Acting as City Dad

There's one city problem which will have to be decided without the aid of Commissioner A. A. Poteet—it would require him to go on Kansas City Southern property, and he isn't going as long as the Daugherty injunction is in effect and he, as master mechanic of the shops here, is on strike.

Poteet declared himself to this effect in a recent commission meeting, bringing a grin from his fellow commissioners and city officials attending the meeting.

"The chances are that nothing would be said about it, but I am not going to take the chance," he said. "I could go down Seventh street, but I couldn't follow down the company property."

The incident arose in connection with complaint from residents near the junction of the right of way with Seventh street over the presence of oil in a ditch near their property which they feared as a fire hazard to their property. It is thought that any danger from this source can easily be eliminated.

LOW THREATENS GOING TO COURT

Demands Gradual Reduction in Gas Rates

One legal round might stop the city commission's part in the gas controversy and leave the Peoples Gas company to work out the problems of cheaper gas on "business" rather than "political" grounds. At least that is the idea expressed Saturday by F. Y. Low, president of the Peoples Gas company as to what may happen if the city commission carries out its announced intention of setting a rate with a $2.00 maximum Monday.

Prepared for Injunction.

"I am prepared to take the matter on injunction to the federal courts," he said, "asking for an injunction to restrain the city from setting the temporary rate which at this time would amount to a confiscation of the property in my care, and asking that the city commission be restrained at this time from interfering with us at all.

"That will show two things, in my opinion. It will show the gas users of Port Arthur that the gas company was telling the truth when it said that it was asking for less of a return than it was entitled under the law. And it will leave the company free from interference to work out the high gas proposition here—making voluntary reductions gradually in such a manner that a greater volume of business can be gradually added until much cheaper gas can be sold here—but not bringing it down in a sudden jump such as would wreck the company."

Low's restatement of the gas company's side of the story, with an explanation of the view of the city commission from Mayor Logan, togeth-

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DITCHING MACHINE CUTS ELECTRIC CABLE

Severed by a ditching machine working on storm sewers on Sixth street near Fort Worth avenue, an electric cable carrying 3,200 volts started a blaze on the wooden awning around the old laundry building on the corner of Sixth and Fort Worth about 12:15 Saturday afternoon.

Although the end of the cable whipped and lashed around considerably before the current could be cut off, no one was injured, and property damage was slight, fire department officials said.

CONVICT KILLED

Probe on After Shooting by Guard

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 16.—J. A. McCauley, convict, of Prairie View, serving a one-year sentence for illegal transportation of liquor, was shot and killed here yesterday, it was learned today.

A guard at the prison is said to have done the shooting.

McCauley and several other prisoners were pushing a cart along a dummy railroad and the guard, believing they were going too fast, ordered them to stop. The command was not obeyed and the guard fired.

An investigation was begun by County Attorney Eugene Berry and Justice of the Peace Robert Camp.

HARDING DECLINES NEFF'S INVITATION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16.—Governor Pat M. Neff late today received a telegram from President Harding declining an invitation to hold his proposed conference of governors at San Antonio.

Mr. Harding told the governor that he would be unable to leave Washington during January, in which month it is proposed that the conference be held.

WHO SUPPORTS VICE DENS HERE?

Cowen Will Address Bible Class on Subject

TO MAKE "EXPOSE"

Says He Will Show Difficulties Encountered by Police

Just who "buys the booze at $16 a quart and patronizes the alleged gambling joints in Port Arthur will be told before the men's Bible class of the First Baptist church, meeting at 9:30 this morning in the Pearce theater, by Detective Bee Cowen, officials of the class said Saturday.

"It is not the known crooks, but the boys called 'leading lights' in Port Arthur who are responsible for vice conditions here," Cowen declared Saturday night. "The crooks in Port Arthur live off the velvet," he charged.

An "expose" of the ones he holds responsible for the vice conditions in the city will be given by Cowen in his address before the Sunday school class this morning, he said, following an invitation by Rev. C. W. Culp. Difficulties encountered by the police department will be presented to the members of the organization, and he will ask their co-operation in cleaning up the city, he declared.

Cowen's scheduled address has been featured by members of the Bible class and special efforts are being put forth to have a record crowd attend this morning's session, it was stated Saturday.

CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LOST AIRMEN TODAY

EL PASO, Dec. 16.—Airplanes, infantry and cavalry rested tonight after a fruitless nine-day search for Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieutenant Charles Webber, who disappeared from the face of the earth Thursday before last while flying in southern Arizona or northern Mexico.

Although all hope of the men being found alive has been abandoned, early tomorrow morning the searchers will again break camp and continue their disheartening quest for the bodies.

CLARA PHILLIPS IN TIA JUANA?

Los Angeles Officials Get "Authentic" Tip

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Tia Juanita tonight to investigate a tip given in a telegram to Sheriff Traeger declaring that Clara Phillips was there.

"Clara Phillips can be seen any day walking the streets of Tia Juanita," the sender of the telegram declared. The man is known to the sheriff's office and is declared to be dependable and has a good reputation along the border.

Pronounced Demented, Man Shoots Up Town

MONTGOMERY, West Va., Dec. 16.—Police and armed citizens were closing in on Tom Otey, alleged maniac, who barricaded himself in his home here following a running gun fight with officers here tonight.

When Dr. William J. Laid pronounced Otey demented, he flew into a rage and tried to shoot up the town.

STANDARD OIL PROBE TO RESUME TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — The senate committee investigating oil and gasoline prices will resume its hearings Tuesday, Senator La Follette announced tonight.

A score or more officials in large oil corporations have been summoned to appear but it has not yet been decided which will testify first.

FT. WORTH BRAKEMAN KILLED UNDER TRAIN

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 16 — D. J. Stovall, 26, brakeman on the Fort Worth and Denver railway died here late today from injuries received when he fell under the wheels of a freight car.

WOMAN HELD

Body of Husband Is Found Murdered

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Raymond Underwood was held here tonight following the murder of her husband. The body of Underwood, an oil field worker, was found in his bedroom by officers who answered a telephone call reporting a "shooting scrape." A bullet had entered his heart.

The forefinger of the woman's left hand is almost severed, the result, she says, of her husband attacking her with a razor.

A Strike Result

Coal shortage, with high prices, as a result of the strike, have driven the poor to the ash barrels of the more fortunate to "pick" their coal.

"WONDER WELL" RUINS STRAINER

Amerada No. 1 Packs Sand Into Lines at 900 Feet

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 16. — While drillers were engaged in bailing the "wonder well" of the Amerada Company at Spindle Top Thursday night, pressure from gas or oil at a depth of 3300 feet overcame the pumps, demolished the strainer and packed sand tight into the lines to the 900 foot level.

The Amerada Company is in the same sand they were about a week ago when a showing of oil was noted and hope for bringing in a well was revived, Thursday night when the gas pocket was found.

Operations at this well have been more or less secretive and guards posted about the well have kept scouts at a safe distance.

OESCHGER TO NAME PASTOR COMMITTEES

Standing committees for the work of the association during the coming year will be named by Rev. Oeschger, when the Ministerial association meets Monday morning. The meeting will be held at the First Christian church at 10:30. Rev. Oeschger urged that all ministers of the city attend this organization meeting.

GUIDRY SUMMONED TO BROTHER'S BEDSIDE

Informed that his brother was not expected to live, J. D. Guidry, manager of the Victory Boiler Shop, left Friday for Sanitarium, Texas. Abelle Guidry, the brother, has been in ill health for some time, and has been taking treatment.

HOLMES CLAIMS ARMED ASSAULT

Two Unknowns Flee as Pistol Is Discharged

Within half a block of the city hall on Fourth street, a mail giving the name of Bill Holmes, 718 Fourth street, was attacked Saturday night about 9:30 by two unidentified parties who escorted him from the corner of Waco avenue and Procter street "in the name of the law," he told the police.

After passing the door leading upstairs to the police station, Holmes told the police, he became suspicious, and started to pull away from the two men who had him. He cried for help when the men started pummeling him as he struggled to free himself, he declared, and in the scuffle a gun carried by one of the unknown men was fired.

Shot Attracts Police.

Attracted by the shot and Holmes' cries, residents along Fourth street and policemen and firemen in the city hall rushed out and the two men Holmes declares attacked him fled. In the excitement and confusion a passing motorist who had turned into Fourth street and stopped to keep from running over the fighters, he said, was questioned by the police, but he maintained he was "an innocent bystander", and was released.

Holmes was struck over the left eye, but was not seriously hurt, he told the police. Following the affair, he went to his boarding house, a few doors away. Holmes has resided in Port Arthur for some time, he said, and is employed in the marine department of the Texas Company.

FRENCH FROWN ON PROSPECT OF GERMAN LOAN

Mark Becomes Temporarily Stabilized

EUROPE OPTIMISTIC

London Thinks Harding Will Prevent Rhine Seizure

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Europe will accept any proposition America may make as the price of intervention to restore economic equilibrium, according to all indications tonight.

Except for a certain element in France, the desire for American intervention seems practically unanimous. It is known that not only Germany but Britain as well has been hoping for weeks that President Harding would advance some plan of American co-operation to solve the problems Europe herself has repeatedly proven unable to solve with.

The situation may be summed up as follows:

Great Britain

It is certain that almost any suggestion giving the slightest promise of success will be welcomed in Britain by the public and by the government. Just what is in Mr. Harding's mind is not known on this side of the water. There are unconfirmed reports that he will, or has already, sent a note to France against the proposed occupation of the Ruhr. But it is not believed he will follow such a course unless he simultaneously offers France some alternative for collection reparations.

Germany

Germany has begun breathing again, with word that the United States is about to take a hand in European affairs. With the mark at least temporarily stabilized, even growing stronger, Germans are beginning to build new hopes and hang new optimism on recent developments. The Vossische Zeitung points out that while it is good policy not to believe everything cabled from the United States, "the echo of Clemenceau's speeches there pave the way for a strong change of feeling."

The German cabinet met today in conference with the leading financiers and industrialists. All the big business of the Rhineland were present.

France

So far, only three newspapers have commented on the American plan to intervene in the reparations situation, and all three are skeptical of its efficacy if such intervention takes the form of credits to Germany. Officials withheld comment awaiting more precise news. The Journal's debates said:

"It is needless to point out the difficulties and opposition such a plan outlined would meet here."

Intransigeant said the proposed credits are evidently designed to enable Germany to buy wheat in the United States. The general impression is that the American plan will be put forward at the meeting of the allied premiers in Paris January 2. A second world parley, similar to the Washington arms conference, may follow.

Cuno's Plan

It was reliably learned that so far no official American had approached Great Britain regarding such a conference for a German loan. The British government welcomes press dispatches in respect to American participation but will proceed cautiously. It is remembered that the bankers' conference in Paris last summer failed to solve the reparations tangle and that subsequently Germany has been printing paper marks with apparently no effort to stabilize her currency, which is an essential feature of any loan. It is understood that Chancellor Cuno's reparations plan, to be presented to the Paris conference, comprises a continuance of payments in kind to reconstruction for the devastated area. And in event the payments fail to reach 450,000,000 gold marks yearly, a special interest German reconstruction loan will be issued.

Former Congressman Accused of Forgery

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—A gray haired, scholarly man who identifies himself as the son of Joshua Vinton Zandt, former mayor of Baltimore and congressman, is held at police headquarters here charged with forging checks.

The prisoner, who says he gained entrance into many homes here brought his operatic enterprises, admits, according to the police, he gave checks to local acquaintances when he had no funds to back them up, but says those who now possess the valueless paper realized that he was broke.

MEXICO UNIONS TO RUN OUT FASCISTI

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 17.—Organized labor unions of Mexico tonight announced a campaign against fascists, who, they claim, are organizing in this country for a religious war.

The action followed fascisme claims that their order will have a million members in Mexico by June.

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BAPTIST CHOIR IN SACRED CONCERT

Christmas Program to Be Given at 7:30 Tonight

Featuring Chaffin's Christmas cantat, "The Holy Night," a sacred concert will be rendered tonight at 7:30 in the First Baptist church under the direction of Mrs. E. H. McGuire, choir director. A free will offering will be taken during the service and the proceeds turned over to the building fund of the church, it is announced.

The program to be rendered tonight will be as follows:

Organ prelude, "Chantique de Noel." "Silent Night," choir.

"Meditation" from "Thais," (Massenet), violin solo, Mrs. Neal Rader.

Christmas story, Rev. C. W. Culp. Hymn, "Joy to the World," congregation.

Prayer.

Announcements.

Soprano solo, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," (Flexington-Harker) Mrs. J. E. Grammer.

Soprano and alto duet, "Oh, Lord Remember Me," (Roma), Miss Hortense Smith, Mrs. E. H. McGuire.

Duet for two sopranos, "I Waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn), Mrs. J. E. Grammer and Mrs. E. H. McGuire.

Offertory.

Cantata, "The Holy Night" (Chaffin). A. "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," choir. B. Chorus, "And Thou, Bethlehem!" choir. C. Organ solo, "Pastorale." D. Baritone solo (recitative), "There Were Shepherds," Mr. King. E. Soprano solo, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord," Mrs. E. H. McGuire. F. Quartet, "God So Loved the World," Mrs. E. H. McGuire, soprano; Miss Hortense Smith, alto; A. L. Foster, tenor; Neal Rader, bass. G. Chorus, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," choir. H. Tenor recitative, "And Suddenly There Was With the Angel," Mr. Foster. I. Chorus, "Glory to God In the Highest," choir. J. Hymn, "Adeste Fideles," choir (invisible). K. Chorus, "They Shall Call His Name Jesus," choir.

Benediction.

Organ postlude, "Adeste Fideles."

Choir soloists: Mrs. J. E. Grammer, Mrs. E. H. McGuire, sopranos; Miss Hortense Smith, alto; A. L. Foster, tenor; Mr. King baritone; Neal Rader, bass.

Sopranos: Mrs. A. V. Corley, Misses Maurine Manry, Juanita Bean, Thelma Campbell and Lucille Press.

Altos: Mesdames L. M. Humphreys, C. W. Culp, E. L. Caldwell, W. S. Thomas and Miss Maudie Hendrickson.

Tenors: C. A. Bolton, M. T. Harrington, A. V. Corley and Mr. Bridgewater.

Basses: E. L. Caldwell, P. D. Bushong and J. C. Fronaberger.

Organist: E. H. McGuire.

LOW THREATENS GOING TO COURT

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er with details of the probable rates provided for in the ordinance being prepared by V. J. Wistner, city attorney, for passage by the commission Monday, were Saturday developments in the controversy.

"In deciding on a $2.00 gas rate the city commission is bringing the rate closer to the point where we think that it ought to be and expect the company to secure additional patronage and work out its own salvation," declared Mayor Logan.

Think $2 Rate High.

"Most of the commission think that $2.00 is high, but we are taking it as a temporary rate because, if the engineers making the inventory find a basis for a lower rate, it will be much better to come down than it would be to go too far down in the first place and then have to go back up."

The ordinance being prepared by City Attorney Wistner for presentation Monday will not provide for a "qualifying deposit" to secure the rate, but will leave the matter where it was in the original franchise granted in 1913—giving the company a right to require a deposit to protect it from loss, but not specifying a deposit one and a half times the maximum bill. Neither will it grant the requested $2.00 minimum.

The Reductions.

It is expected to make the reductions on approximately the same percentage below the rate proposed to the gas company, as the difference in the top rates, $2.40 and $2.00. The $2.00 per thousand charge will go for the first 5,000 feet. The second 5,000 then will cost approximately $1.85 per thousand; the next 10,000 approximately $1.60; the next 10,000 approximately $1.25 and all over 30,000 $1.10.

These rates are all "net"—that is if paid within the time allowed for discount.

They are approximately 70 cents per thousand—on the basis of the top rate—under the old ordinance rate, if paid within discount date, and 61 cents under the rate with "qualifying deposit."

"Not a Dollar", Says Low

"I know the effect of these rates," said Low. "Under present conditions it would mean that the company would operate for a loss—it would mean those who have in the past year and a half invested far more than they have made in the plant would have to shut up shop or put up money to pay running expenses—and they are not going to put up a dollar for that purpose."

DEER ATTEMPTED TO HURDLE AUTOMOBILE

BRANCHVILLE, N. J., Dec. 16.—While John Snook, who lives off the old turnpike, near here, was driving toward Tuttle's corner about 6:30 recently he met a herd of deer. The onrush was so sudden that Snook at first thought it was a holdup. Two of the animals tried to jump over the car. One struck the front, fell backward and was run over; the other crashed through the car and nearly upset it.

CONCLUDING CHAPTER WRITTEN IN STORY OF JACQUES LEBAUDY

Tuberculosis Xmas Seals Are Lagging; Hospital to Suffer

Have you bought some of the 60,000 tuberculosis Christmas seals being sold in Port Arthur?

The sales are lagging, officials in charge found, checked Saturday, and they declared redoubled efforts will be put forth this week to dispose of all of the seals before Christmas.

If all of the seals assigned to Port Arthur for disposal are sold, more than $3,000 will be turned over to the campaign against tuberculosis in Port Arthur and Jefferson county, it is pointed out by those in charge of the seal sale.

A number of local drug stores, the banks and the postoffice have supplies of the seals, in addition to various churches throughout the city, and the ones in charge of selling the seals urge that purchasers get in touch with those handling the seals this week.

Estate of "Sahara Emperor" Will Be Shared by Wife Who Killed Him and His Daughter

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Finis was flashed upon the career and the events connected with Jacques Lebaudy, "emperor of the Sahara", today.

Tax appraisal determining the amount of his estate and the entailing of its division between the wife who killed him and daughter, closed the drama. The estate, placed at $12,398,085.07 less $1,500,000 caused by the drop in French exchange.

To the widow will go $2,455,036.19 and the daughter receives $4,955,070.38. They are to divide their shares equally by virtue of a compromise agreement with Lebaudy's sister, Countess Jean Marie De Fels of Paris.

Colorful Career.

The doings in the life of Lebaudy and his family played across the events of almost the entire world in the last decade. Mrs. Lebaudy, now Mrs. Sudreau, wife of a detective, has been the storm center of these events since she shot Lebaudy nearly four years ago. She was absolved by a jury when she pleaded that her husband, trying to force his way into her bedroom, intended to harm the daughter, then 14.

Lebaudy before his death gained fame as "the emperor of Sahara" by his plans to form an African kingdom.

Sometime later in Paris, Jacqueline, the daughter, married Robert Sudreau, of the famous detective French family, who was looking after the widow's interest during litigation in connection with the estate. Mrs. Lebaudy sought annullment of the marriage, claiming the young detective was after the Lebaudy millions, ailing to separate the couple she practically kidnaped the girl, but young Sudreau, aided by other detectives, trailed the mother and daughter through Europe.

Dual Honeymoon.

After a flight across France, England, and Germany wherein the young husband was always near, the widow relented to the marriage and turned and married the father of her daughter's husband. The daughter was remarried to the young detective at the insistence of the mother and the four came to America on a honeymoon and to finally collect the "emperor's" estate.

Lebaudy was known as the "sugar king of France" and also held rich South American mining interests.

FARMERS UNITE AGAINST MINERS

Herrin Trial Testimony Is Brewing Threats

MARION, Ill., Dec. 16.—Rumblings of suspicion and fear reached from hut to hut throughout Williamson county tonight.

The farmers, fearing their testimony in the "Herrin massacre" trial was brewing a spirit of hostility among the miners, have organized a secret protective society to guard their families from vengeance.

"Two lives of the miners for ever farmer killed because of his testimony in the Herrin trial," is said to be the slogan of this society.

These facts were revealed to the United Press tonight by special investigators who have been working throughout Williamson county in search of state's witnesses.

Nation "Goes Home" To Spend Christmas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The nation is "going back home" for Christmas.

Statistics gathered from all sections of the country by the United Press tonight indicated that rail traffic during the holidays will reach proportions unprecedented since before the war.

Rail chiefs hail this big movement as an indication of returning prosperity and easier "pocket" money conditions.

There are still so many wild boars in France that 2000 were killed in one department in 1921.

Postoffices were established in 1464.

HOUSTON POLICE EXPECT PHILLIPS

Ready to "Act" on Notification of Coast Police

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 16.—Police officials here have received no official notice that Armour Phillips, husband of Clara Phillips, escaped "tiger murderess," would be in Houston tonight, William H. Kessler, chief of detectives, said tonight.

Phillips was rumored to have left Los Angeles last Wednesday for Houston. This would put him here either tonight or early tomorrow. It has been known for some time that Phillips had intended returning here but the matter was not definitely settled nor the date of arrival known.

Henry Weaver, Clara's brother, when told Phillips was thinking of coming here said, "What Mr. Phillips does will not interest me. I have enough troubles of my own."

Weaver's wife is an invalid and his time is taken up in earning money to pay for an operation which he hopes will lead to her recovery.

If officially notified by the Los Angeles police department, Kessler said authorities here would be ready to take any action requested of them.

DENIES FATHER CAUSED WRECK

Son of Accused Watchman Rallies to Defense

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16.—Physicians attending Joseph H. Smith, watchman, on whose shoulders was placed responsibility of the fatal wreck at Humble Wednesday night by an investigating committee, continued tonight to refuse to allow anyone to see their patient.

Smith, who disappeared shortly after the wreck, which took a toll of twelve lives, was found wandering aimlessly about the little town of Hockley, Texas, and brought here by his son.

According to physicians, Smith was temporarily out of his mind after the catastrophe and still is in a highly nervous condition.

Ervin J. Smith, son of the accused watchman, denied today that his father was responsible for the wreck, which, according to a board of injury, was caused by Smith moving a locomotive from one part of the yard to another.

SHORT WEIGHT COAL MEN STUCK FOR TON

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Judge Brown in East Boston Court ordered two coal peddlers who had given short weight to give a ton of coal free to the families involved or pay heavy fines. One, who had sold 92 pounds for 100, gave the ton. The other refused, was fined $70 and appealed.

GET $700 FOR LOST VOICE.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 16.—A jury in the Circuit Court awarded $700 to Dennis Harrington of 62 Emerson avenue, Bayonne, in his damage suit against Hugh O'Donnell, a saloonkeeper of 195 Florian street, Bayonne. Harrington alleged that he lost his voice as a result of a bullet wound received in the saloon when the bartender fired a pistol.

Jap Liner With 131 Passengers Menaced By Fire at Docks

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 16.—The lives of 131 passengers and members of the crew of the Chicago Maru, Japanese liner, in port here, were menaced early today when 7,000 bales of cotton in the hold caught fire.

Emergency measures and the presence of the harbor fire tug saved the liner from destruction.

Germany's Teachers Rebel at Wages of Five Cents Per Day

COLOGNE, Dec. 16.—Objecting to a wage of twenty-three marks an hour, the teachers in Cologne's continuation schools have struck for more pay. Similar action already had been taken by the faculties of vocational institutions at Duisburg and Essen.

The Cologne staffs include teachers from the public grade schools, engineers and expert handworkers. Some time ago they were conceded sixty-three marks and hour, but their union alleges no actual payments were made at this rate.

At the prevailing rate of exchange, twenty-three marks hourly means a wage of less than 5 cents for an eight-hour day.

WOLVES AT CUERO

CUERO, Texas, Dec. 16.—With the marketing of the big turkey droves of the county, upon which the wolf packs made an occasional meal, and the general approach of the winter season, the wolves are reported especially hungry and bold of late.

BANDAGES BLIND BOY; DIES IN FIRE

Flames Fatal to Dog Tied to His Bedpost

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—With his pet dog tied to his bed as a companion, Danny Henderson, 11 year old son of Henry Henderson, was burned to death when the Henderson home, near Olive Hill, east of here, was destroyed by fire.

Following an operation for trachoma, the boy had been put to bed. Bandages about his head served to make him temporarily blind and all but deaf. While he was in this condition his father left the house to water a cow and his mother went to a store. A live coal dropped from the kitchen stove, setting the floor afire. The flames quickly spread to the roof and soon the sightless child and his dog were surrounded by a wall of fire. Neighbors, seeing the flames, rushed to the house, but they were too late.

LEADS IN TICK ERADICATION

CUERO, Texas, Dec. 16.—De Witt county continues to lead all counties in the Southwest Texas dipping zone in the effectiveness of tick eradication work. During the month of November a total of 107,530 head of cattle were sent through the vats of the county and not a tick was found on any of the animals.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT COSTS WORKER'S LIFE

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—James Beckenbaugh, 61 years old, a carpenter, was working on a house two weeks ago when it became necessary to hold the end of a heavy frame timber above his head while his helper fitted it.

Becoming tired, he rested the timber on his head and his companion, not knowing of the change, struck the timber with a maul. The shock caused a clot of blood to gather on Beckenbaugh's brain, from which he died.

BROTHER HELD

Alabama Man Found Dead in Road

OXFORD, Ala., Dec. 16.—Mystery today surrounded the death of J. W. Dial, 55, whose body was found lying in the road a short distance from here last night.

Death was caused by a severe wound on the head, physicians said, caused by a blow from a heavy instrument.

Dial's brother and a companion were taken into custody shortly after the finding of the body and taken to Talladega pending an investigation. Suspicion was aroused when the two men were found near where the body was discovered.

SAYS GERMANS "HIDING" CASH

Exporter Says Money Found in Gotham Banks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Charges that importers in Germany are "hiding out" money in New York banks and that the nation does not need a loan from the United States was being investigated by congress today as the proposed intervention of the United States government in European affairs, was uppermost in the conversation of senate leaders.

C. E. Howard, a cotton exporter charged:

1—German importers have no trouble getting all the 90 day credit they want for importations.

2—Figures of export and imports of Germany since the war—which would indicate that country is in dire financial distress—are "only German figures and far from correct."

3—"Plenty of German money" is now on deposit in New York banks where the German government has no powers of taxation over it.

Howard is a cotton exporter with offices in Liverpool and Bremen and an official of the American cotton growers exchange.

Howard did not charge that the German government has misrepresented its conditions deliberately. He placed the blame on German merchants.

A Real Christmas Sale of Pianos

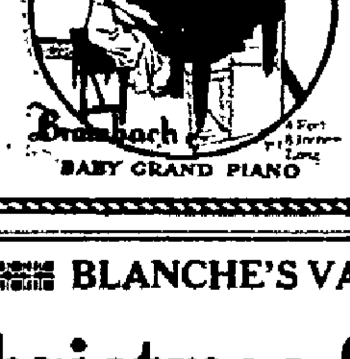
At prices lower than ever before. Over 20 used pianos and players to select from. Cash or terms. We let you make your terms.

A few of our many great bargains in used pianos

Fairfield, mahogany	$100.00
Emerson, mahogany	$125.00
Kingsbury, mahogany	$125.00
Werner, oak	$125.00
Knight Brinkerhoff, oak	$150.00
Meister, mahogany	$150.00
Armstrong, mahogany	$150.00
Fairfield, mahogany	$175.00
Armstrong, mahogany	$175.00
Brewster, mahogany, same as new	$325.00

Players

Foster, walnut	$350
H. C. Bay, mahogany	$375
H. C. Bay, mahogany	$400
Foster, walnut	$525
Foster, mahogany, same as new	$600



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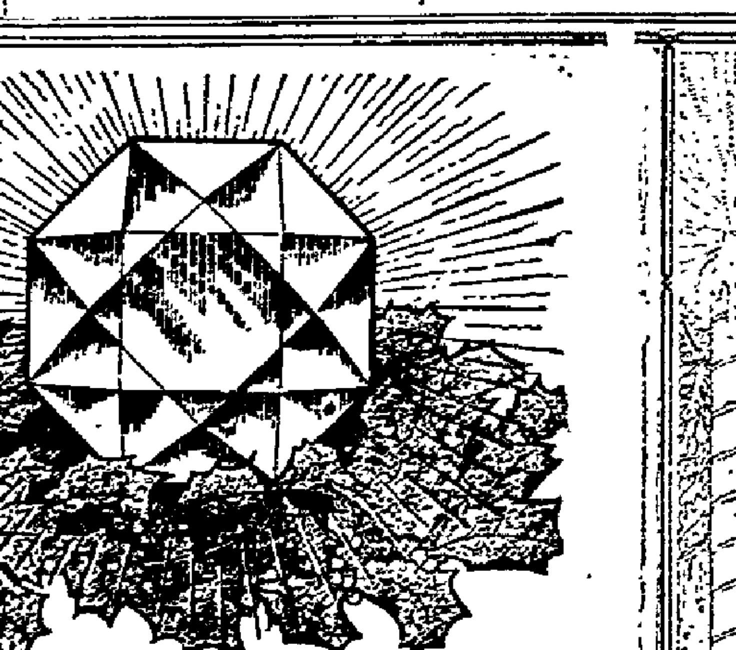

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Aluminum Double Boilers $1.25	Air Rifles $2.00	Fancy Boxed Stationery $1.00	Doll Trunks 35c	Doll Chairs 25c
Doll Buggies 50c	Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs 20c	Turkish Bath Towels 25c	Men's Blue Work Shirts 89c	Boys' Good School Pants 98c
Mavis Talcum 21c	Rajah Perfumes in Fancy Bottles 15c	Men's Hose Supporters 35c	Men's Knit Ties 50c	Ladies' Purses $1.69

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MEXICAN CONSUL OUTLINES RULES

Commercial and Consular Invoices Must Agree

Rules for the guidance of local exporters trading with Mexico in the certification of their consular and commercial invoices, as now in effect, have been announced by S. J. Trevino, Mexican consul at Port Arthur.

A requirement that the commercial invoices be presented for comparison with the consular invoices, and the naming of the 12 counties within the jurisdiction of this consulate, feature in the announcements.

The bulletin, setting out these matters, follows:

12 Counties in Zone.

1. The jurisdiction of the Mexican consulate at Port Arthur, Texas, is composed of twelve counties of the state of Texas, as follows: Angelina, Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, (except Beaumont), Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Sabine, St. Augustine, Shelby and Tyler.

2. The shippers and exporters must present their commercial invoices at the same time as the consular invoices, in order that the Mexican consul may compare the values shown on them.

3. When the commercial invoices have been issued by merchants who are located at another jurisdiction, such invoices must be certified by the correspondent Mexican consular office; but in case there is no office there, the invoices must be certified by the consular office of another country, on friendly relations with Mexico.

4. If the commercial invoices are issued by commerce of this jurisdiction and the consular invoices have to be certified by another Mexican consulate, those commercial invoices must be certified by local Mexican consulate.

5. A charge of two dollars will be made for the certification of each commercial invoice.

6. Presentation of health certificates of each member of the personnel of the ship; and the passports or another document that shows their citizenship is required.

POLICE CHIEF REFUSES VACCINATION; QUITS

STERLING, Ill., Dec. 16.—Rather than submit to the order of the board of health that every one must be vaccinated, John G. Harlock, chief of police for the last ten years, turned in his star.

There are fifteen cases of smallpox in the city.

FLYING HAMMER HITS GIRL WALKING PAST

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Little Helen Hebron, 11, was walking along when William Cotter, mending a shoe in his shop on the second floor of the building missed his aim at a nail.

The hammer slipped from his hand, went through the window and struck Helen on the head, knocking her unconscious.

The best gear combination for quick getaway and for stopping quickly in traffic is "second" speed.

MORE FARMERS NATION'S NEED

"Agriculture Is Axle for Civilization"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—"Over-urbanization" threatens the foundations of the American republic and agriculture is lagging behind other industries, C. J. Blanchard, statistician of the reclamation service, declared in a lecture at the Army-Navy Club.

"America has no more important problem before it today, said Blanchard, "than that of creating on the land a population that is self-supporting, self-respecting and contented. A pronounced rural grouch prevails due to the present disproportionate ratio of exchange between farm products and other commodities.

"This abnormal spread between the producer and consumer offers a problem that must be solved before any large movement toward the land may be expected.

"Agriculture is the axle on which the wheel of civilization revolves. The nation which fails to consider the farm as an integral economic factor in its progress is headed for destruction."

Blanchard called attention to the work of the reclamation service in the "back to the land" movement.

"It has furnished opportunities for 30,000 families to gratify a desire to own a home," he declared. "It has created vast wealth in the waste places of the nation without placing burdens of any kind upon the national treasury."

ROAD PAYS BONUS TO 'WHITE COLLAR' MEN

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 16.—Evidencing appreciation of employes who left desks and did manual labor during the shopmen's strike, L. R. Trigsrett, president of the Gulf, Mobile & Northern railroad, has mailed bonus checks to such employes.

The checks were accompanied by letters expressing gratitude.

CLUB STAGES PROGRAM

VICTORIA, Texas, Dec. 16.—The Bronte club staged a home talent play and program at the central fire station for the benefit of the Victoria public library. A varied program of music and addresses was given, and then the play, "The Revolt," dealing with a militant suffragette, was given. The house was in a continual uproar, and the play was well appreciated by the large audience.

EXCHANGE CLOSES

ROCKDALE, Texas, Dec. 16.—The Woman's Exchange conducted by the Progress club of Rockdale, recently closed its most successful annual event. There was a large attendance, with many exhibits from South Texas towns.

CONSTABLE RESIGNS

BRENHAM, Texas, Dec. 15.—Constable W. G. Humphreys of the Brenham precinct has resigned, and his successor will be named by the commissioners court in the near future.

Stationery in Xmas packages, all sizes and prices. Hart Drug Co.—adv.

The Christmas Store

New merchandise has been hastened to us this past week, reserve stocks have been called upon to fill in the gaps, and our selections are more complete in every detail than you have ever been offered. You'll save much of your precious time this week if you'll come directly to Goldberg's.

THE GIFT THAT ALLOWS HER TO CHOOSE FOR HERSELF

There are many puzzling problems in your mind and here is the solution of them all.

You simply purchase a Christmas Merchandise Certificate here, for any amount from $1 up, then you send her the certificate which allows her to choose her own gifts for the specified amount.

Thus you make sure the size is right, the color is right, the style is right and the gift is right. And besides you save yourself heaps of time.

This method of wisely choosing the Merchandise Certificate is being adopted by corporations, giving many gifts, by business men and women as well as those who select just a few gifts.

It's a time saver and trouble saver.

Kid Gloves

Fawnes French kid gloves make dainty, desirable Christmas gifts.

White kid gloves, 16 button length, $5.50, $6.00 and $7.50.

Black and brown kid gloves, 12 button length are priced $5.

Gauntlet kid gloves in white, black and brown are priced $5.50, $4.50 and $5.00.

Two and three clasp kid gloves in brown, white and black come at the $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 prices.

Chamoisette gloves, in beaver, sand, oak and mastic are priced $1.25 for the gauntlet glove and $1.75 for the 16 button glove.

Also silk gauntlet gloves at $3.00 come in two tone in beaver and pongee, also in white.

Onyx, Kayser and Phoenix Pure Silk Hose as Gifts $1.25 to $4.50

Priced at $1.25 to $4.50 pair and shown in all wanted shades. The names Onyx, Kayser or Phoenix make certain the gift will be gladly received.

Chiffon Hose $2.98 to $3.50

Chiffon silk hose at $2.98 to $3.50 enables you to send a beautiful gift.

Children's Hose Make Excellent Gifts

Silk hose in brown, white and black, sizes 7 to 9 1-2 come at $1.98 pair.

Infants' socks of pink and white silk are priced $1.00 pair, sizes 4 1-2 to 6 1-2.

Silk and fibre socks of pink and white are priced 59c pair, sizes 4 1-2 to 6 1-2.

Children's wool sport hose, in heather mixtures, sizes 7 to 9 1-2 can be had at 59c to $1.25 pair.

Rust Craft Xmas Cards To Accompany Your Gifts

At 5c to 25c we offer these distinctive Rust-Craft Christmas cards in varying designs.

Rust-Craft calenders at 25c carry the Christmas thoughts through the whole year of 1923.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Always acceptable at Christmas times. Thousands of these handkerchiefs will soon adorn Christmas trees.

Embroidered batiste handkerchiefs at 15c each.

Linen lawn handkerchiefs with embroidered edges and corners, 35c each.

Colored linen handkerchiefs, 35c each with embroidered corners and lace edges.

Pongee handkerchiefs at 25c each, hand drawn threads, all colors.

Hand embroidered linen handkerchiefs can be had at 50c each.

Madeira handkerchiefs in a wealth of pretty designs, 75c to $2.50 each.

Boxed handkerchiefs for children, three to the box and priced 25c and 35c box.

Boxed handkerchiefs for ladies, 50c 75c and $1.00 for the box of three.

Hand made lace edged pure linen handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, $2.50 for the box of three.

Hand embroidered pure linen handkerchiefs, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00 for the box of three.

Jewelry Novelties

Choose several of these jewelry novelties now. Then if you do happen to think of some one the very last minute, you won't have to make a trip down town again.

Ear screws in every color and shape, to carry out the oriental trend in costumes, 50c to $1.98.

Bead necklaces in new and unique designs and colors, 75c to $4.00.

Beads with ear screws to match, $7.50 to $8.50.

Fancy combs, set with brilliant stones of all colors, $1.50 to $12.50.

Bracelets at $3.50 are particularly new, colored amber set in green, yellow and red.

Vanities and vanity mesh bags, silver and gold, $1.00 to $12.50.

Indestructible pearls at $12.50, other pearls 98c to $3.50.

Ostrich Fans at $7.50 to $11.50 are seen at their best in turquois, emerald and delft.

Silk Parasols 20% Off

All silk parasols regularly priced $5.95 to $12.50 can be purchased at $4.75 to $10.00. They are offered in blue, red, green, purple and black, fancy handles.

Gift Things for the Baby

Santa thinks of babies first, so we must not forget the tots. Christmas to the babies is a dream of happiness, and these tiny gifts add to their comfort as well as bringing out those dimpled smiles.

Ascher's 100% Wool Knit Goods

These knit garments are well known and include—

Infants' hoods and toques at $1.25 to $2.50.

Infants' booties are priced from 50c to $2.00.

Children's sweaters from 2 to 10 years are offered at $2.50 to $4.00.

Infants' sweater knit suits sizes 2 to 5 years, are shown at $4.95, $5.95 and $6.95.

Infants' knit coats in bright colors come at $6.50.

Novelties for Children

Glass, wooden, celluloid and metal novelty gifts for children are as variously priced as they are distinctively designed.

Bags and Purses Excellent Gifts

Bags, box purses and over-night purses, and shown in patent, pin seal and worked leathers.

Tapestry boxes and bags in beautiful worked designs have silk cord and tassel trimmings $12.50.

$3.50 Scarfs $2.98

Ladies' and misses' brushed wool scarfs, all colors, some in plaids and stripes.

Fudge Aprons $1.59

Black sateen fudge aprons are cleverly trimmed in cretonne and gingham and priced special $1.59.

Corduroy Robes A Homey Gift

These corduroy robes and bathrobes come in solid colors as well as fancy and Oriental designs, priced $9.50 to $25.

The warm Beacon Blanketing bathrobes are priced at $4.95, $5.95 and $6.50 and come in a variety of designs and colors.

Silk negligees in satin and georgette combinations, crepe de Chine, taffeta and lace combinations come in the high shades and are priced $13.50 to $35.00.

Breakfast robes are richly trimmed and are offered in taffeta and quilted satin and crepe de Chine, $13.50 to $29.50 are the prices.

Silk Underwear

She just loves silken underwear, and it is impossible for her to receive too many such gifts. There are some new silks and some new shades here that we wish you to see before you select the silken underwear gifts for your intimate friends.

Kay-Bee heavy silk and La Jerz teddies come in Sunset, flesh, peach, white, orchid and blue, $3.95 to $11.95, trimmed in Imported Venetian, Irish point and filet laces.

Silk jersey, La Jerz, Canton and Satin petticoats, some lace trimmed some hand embroidered are priced $5.98 to $14.75, all colors.

Kayser Italian jersey silk vests come at $2.98 to $5.50 and bloomers at $3.98 to $6.50.

Lace trimmed and hand embroidered step-ins are priced $3.98 to $5.95. Crepe de Chine or satin.

Georgette, Crepe de Chine, Wash Satin and La Jerz gowns at $7.50 to $25 come in orchid, flesh, and nile green. Irish point lace trimmed.

Pajamas are shown in orchid, blue and yellow and black combinations, embroidered and lace trimmed, some with silk fringe.

Jersey knickers at $3.50 to $9.50 come in all colors.

Camisoles and brassieres at $1.25 to $6.50 are of lace, net, satin, brocade and ribbon.

Gift Furs Now Reduced

Such a rich gift, such a useful gift—all combined in one. Our sale of furs allows you to choose a much better pelt for the same money than otherwise possible.

$25.00 Fox Neck Pieces $19.95
$32.50 Fox Neck Pieces $25.95
$39.50 Stone Marten Chokers $29.95
$45.00 Fox Neck Pieces $35.95
$49.50 Fox Neck Pieces $39.50
$55.00 Fox Neck Pieces $44.50
$65.00 Fox Neck Pieces $51.95

Collars and Cuffs

Lace collars in white and ecru are priced 59c to $1.25.

Berthas that are entirely new, come at $1.25 to $4.00 and are done in lace and net.

Collar and cuff sets of organdie, embroidered in colors and with colored wool worked in by hand are priced $1.25.

Linen collar and cuff sets at 75c are embroidered in white and colors.

Lace collars and vests at 98c to $4.00 are embroidered in colors.

Boudoir Caps

At 98c to $5.50, fashioned of pretty laces, nets, satins, ribbon and crepe de Chine, in all colors.

Garters

Fancy garters at 75c to $2.50 come in all shades and combinations.

Garter elastic in solid colors and combinations is priced 50c to 75c per garter length.

Ribbons

Holly Ribbons for giving the Christmas touch to your package, 15c bolt.

Christmas ribbons in plain and moire taffetas comes in all colors.

Corsages in individual boxes can be had at 50c and 75c.

New Spring Bonnets

Arrived Just in Time for Christmas Wear and Are Priced—

$5.00 to $12.50

Oh, but the new Spring bonnets are wonderfully beautiful, the shot taffetas, those new two toned silks are extremely different, and others of faille silks, Bisca cloth and hair braids come in black and the high colors.

Bonnets are extra good, while close fitting toques and pokes are favored by many.

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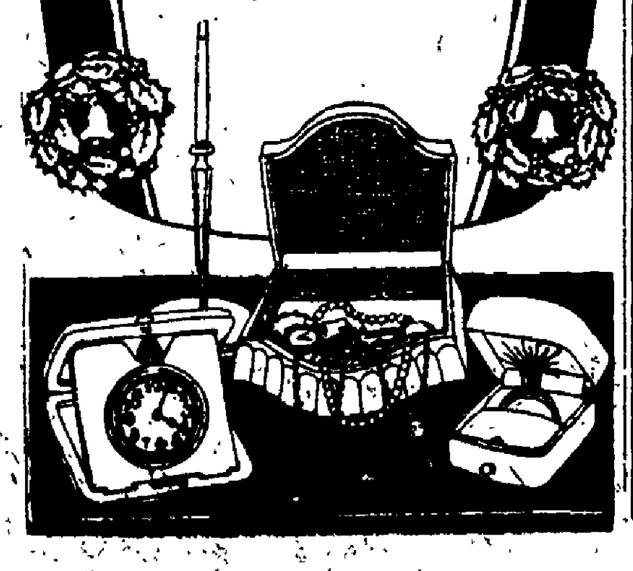

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HARDING ON PROHIBITION

"The day is unlikely to come when the Eighteenth amendment will be repealed," said the president in his message to congress. "The fact may as well be recognized and our course adopted accordingly. If the statutory provisions of its enforcement are contrary to deliberate public opinion which I do not believe, the rigorous and literal enforcement will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification. Such a course conforms with the law and saves the humiliation of the government and the humiliation of our people before the world and challenges the destructive and individual demoralization."

President Harding before the coming of the Eighteenth amendment was a very mild pro. It is said that he did not affiliate with the nation-widers. Notwithstanding this he bows to the law of the land and he is an advocate of strict enforcement. He has vision. Millions of men who are not original prohibitionists agree with his statement "that the day is unlikely to come when the Eighteenth amendment will be repealed."

CONGRESS AND CHILD LABOR

Two constitutional amendments were proposed by the president in his message. One would give congress authority over child labor and the other would restrict the issues of tax exempt securities which are declared to be drying up the sources of federal taxation and encouraging unproductive and extravagant expenditures by states and municipalities. President Harding is for the protection of the little children of America. These are his words: "The decision of the supreme court has put the problem of abolition of child labor outside the proper domain of federal regulation until the constitution is so amended as to give the congress authority. I recommend the submission of such an amendment."

This proposition will be combatted by the senators from North and South Carolina and other Southern states. These distinguished representatives of the Democratic party of the South insist that it would be an abrogation of the rights of the state for congress to enact legislation which would abolish child labor. Woman has the ballot and there are millions of Southern women who are outspoken champions of the Harding proposition. Gone are the good old days.

GOLD OF THE WORLD

Tiger Clemenceau says that forty per cent of the gold of the world is now in the United States and this is where the shoe pinches. Before the coming of the World War 80 per cent of the gold of the world was controlled by the powerful nations of Europe and every year America sent five hundred million dollars to old world countries to pay the interest on securities held by foreigners. Now all this has been reversed. Europe became the borrowers: America became the lender. Every year five hundred million dollars in interest money should be coming to these shores. It isn't coming.

Unhappy thought. When the nobility is abolished, society in democratic countries will have nobody to mimic.

DAWES ON GUARD

Brigadier General Chas. D. Dawes of Illinois was the principal speaker at a luncheon the other day in the windy city. As usual he started something. He denounced Governor Len Small for commuting sentences of William Bross Lloyd and sixteen communists, saying, "There is no time like the present to make an issue of corrupt politics, convict leadership and similar evils." General Dawes is a republican; Governor Small is a republican. Small is a politician; Dawes is a fearless free lance.

Charm is that indefinite something possessed by the girl who hasn't enough good looks to justify a compliment on that score.

AN AMERICAN SOUL

President Harding recommends to congress the enactment of a law which provides for the registration of aliens. This excerpt is a bell ringer:

"While I have ever lasting faith in our republic it would be folly indeed to blind ourselves to our problems at home. Abusing hospitality of our shores are the advocates of revolution, finding their deluded followers among those who take on the habiliments of an American without knowing an American soul."

All this is a reminder that in years a-gone the great captains of American industry imported millions of non-English speaking aliens to these shores. They did it because the aliens would work longer hours and for less pay than the English speaking wage earner. After the aliens had mastered the language of the country and became familiar with the customs of the country and the wages paid to English speaking toilers they organized their own trade unions and the wildest of them became the reddest of the red.

"Before enlarging the immigration quotas we had better provide registration for aliens, those now here who are continually pressing for admission and establish our examination board abroad to make sure of desirables only," is the recommendation of the president. "It would be kinder and safer to tell them before they embark."

Great pressure is being brought upon the government to have the bars let down to overcome an alleged shortage of common labor. Large employers say the immigration question has become acute on account of the shortage of unskilled labor in some industrial establishments. Countries of northern and western Europe are not taking advantage even of the provision of the law which enables immigrants from any country to enter the United States up to 3 per cent of the number of persons from that country in the United States as shown by the federal census of 1910.

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis has returned to Washington from a two months' tour of the country for study of the conditions of labor and the effect of the 3 per cent immigration law on the labor situation. He disputes the contention of large employers of labor that industrial conditions justify the wholesale admission of immigrants.

According to figures prepared by his department, Denmark and the United Kingdom fill little more than half the quota of immigrants permitted to those countries and Norway and Sweden less than one-half, while Germany immigration was slightly more than 1-4 the allowed quota of 3 per cent. Countries of South and Southeastern Europe spent their full quotas and vast hordes of immigrants from southern and southeastern Europe would flock to American shores if they were not shut out by the 3 per cent law.

Secretary Davis is preparing amendment to the existing immigration law which provides for a test as to physical and mental qualifications of all aliens at their point of debarkation and a blood test, the examinations to be made by public health and immigration officers on duty abroad.

There is to be no lowering of immigration bars.

DEMAND SQUARE DEAL FOR LAW

According to information from State Director Morris' office, United States Senators Pepper and Reed are in perfect accord in regard to the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment. Senator Reed in an address before the Union League Club astounded some of the members by declaring there were many hypocrites abroad in the land Both say the 18th amendment and the Volstead act have not had a fair show and that they are in favor of treating them on the square.

Senator Reed charged lack of good faith on the part of many politicians in support of the law. He asserted: "We ought to quit being hypocritical and get a little fair play into our attitude on prohibition. We are exhibiting the same manliness in politics with relation to prohibition as in sports and business. You know and I know that we have friends who are bootleggers and we are doing nothing about it. We wink at violations. We are not treating the issue like men. Either we ought to enforce the law or we ought to stop talking about enforcement and come out openly against it. Most politicians dodge the question as long as they can, then declare they are in favor of strict enforcement but do not back up their profession by action. That is hypocrisy and there is no other name for it. The support given to enforcement is not in good faith and everybody knows it and I thought I should call attention to the facts."

In backing up Senator Reed's position, Senator Pepper said: "Hypocrisy on the the part of anybody, particularly on the part of public men is unworthy of Americans. The enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment cannot take place until we all want the law to be enforced. Senator Reed and I consider the Eighteenth amendment a solemn resolution of self denial on the part of the American people. We believe it should be given a fair trial ,a trial by the majority of the people who earnestly seek to enforce it." He paraphrased a portion of the Epistle of St. Peter, urging Christians to abstain from "Selfish indulgences", to be loyal to their "Christian citizenship" and to "the constitutional laws of the United States."

Now congressional representatives who are opposed to the Volstead act are calling for the appointment of a scientific commission to determine what is intoxicating liquor. Ask any Old Soak.

THE FIRST CAPITALIST

In a western zoo there is an exceptionally intelligent Capuchin monkey which lives in a commune with other species of Simians. The food is thrown into the cage and all divide up equally—at least, that is the theory governing the colony. One day the keeper threw in some black walnuts and the members of the commune vainly splintered their teeth on them. The Capuchin was wiser than the rest, however. He found a stone and pounded the nuts. The other monkeys seized the kernels and ate them up as fast as the shells were cracked. The Capuchin became furious and chased them around the cage and cursed them with strange oaths.

The Capuchin is a capitalist. He understands how to lengthen his economic arm. The others are Socialists. They believe in an even whack-up.

Of course, the Capuchin was entitled to more than the others.

Here, in this western zoo, we see that the controversy between capitalism and socialism began long before Adam, when prehistoric disputants settled their arguments with rocks and clubs instead of with soap boxes and printer's ink.

And the controversy will continue while the world lasts.—The Nation's Business.

Senator-elect Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey will be a candidate for president of the United States in 1924 on a liberal platform if he can capture the democratic nomination. If he cannot capture the nomination he will support the man who does capture it. It would be funny to see the wettest of the wet the democratic standard bearer two years hence. It would not only be funny but it would be suicide.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM

The One-Man Woman

Full of Doubt, Kate Comes to Childhood Home

By Ruth Agnes Ebeling

BEGIN HERE TODAY

KATE WARD and her mother had never understood one another. Kate could not remember why they always quarreled, but they had. Kate had left home, it was twelve years ago, gone to the city and married.

Now her husband has died and Kate retraces her steps to the home of her youth.

She meets her father and learns that her mother is dead.

GO ON WITH THE STORY.

It seemed as if she must have gone on the wind, so quickly was Kate Ward in the arms of the elderly man.

"My little girl—my little Katie—" her father repeated the words, one huge hand rumpling her hair while the other gripped her shoulder.

In a moment of silence Kate stood straight and tall and looked about the little place. At length the question formed on her lips.

"Mother?" she said.

"Gone—child," gently.

It was evening, after the dishes were washed and the two were sitting out under the pines, when Kate Ward once more referred to her mother, and asked to be told of the 12 years during which she had neither heard from nor seen her home.

"You—miss her—much?" she faltered.

Justin Parsons removed the pipe from between his teeth. He blew a circle of smoke and watched it wind lazily toward the darkness of the pine boughs.

"No," he said easily. "I'm never quite sure that she's gone. I know there's a little heap of soil over there," his shaggy head wagged toward the cemetery, "and the minister prayed over it—and I go over sometimes and put flowers there—but I never go there to find her, Katie.

"When I want to talk to her," the pipe was between his teeth again and his eyes were penetrating the gloom, "I come out here under these trees. Her voice is in the wind that comes to me through the branches and her tears are in the evening dew. I've heard her — I know. And I know she's been sorry about you—and she's wanted to come back to tell you. That's why I knew you'd come. I've been waiting for you—Monk and I."

Kate was silent.

"When you've loved someone for years and years there isn't any division even in death and so I've just been waiting, Kate, until you came—I had to because you couldn't have understood any other way. It wouldn't have done, child, to die and have a girl somewhere in the world, hating her mother — just because neither of them understood."

"Do you think she was sorry—about that day I came back?" softly.

"God!—yes, child. For every unkindness to someone else, we put a burden on ourselves — and she has had to struggle under that waiting for your forgiveness — she had to come back to be forgiven.

"I need to be sorry for her," his voice was reminiscent, "half of her life she spent retracing her steps, seeking forgiveness. It makes the journey twice as long, you know. Impetuous people! What they suffer!"

Monk, showing his years in the fat which cumbered his muscles, but still with something of the devil in his eye, put his head across the old man's knees and gazed searchingly into his face.

"Our mission's just about ended, old boy." Justin's heavy hand lay on the dog's head.

"You don't mean—" Kate started to speak. Her father turned toward her. There was glory in his smile.

"I'm looking forward to it, child. I've walked to the end of the way. I've known life and love and labor, and now I'm ready for the great adventure! I've drained life's cup to the last and I'm ready to step into the future!

"It will be—I think—like having walked through all of the years, and only going aeroplaning and seeing below the panorama of channel's achievement.

"It will be a great adventure, Katie!" In his eyes was a radiance—strange and beautiful.

With the winds sighing through the pines and an evening dew wet on the grass — the three of them, Justin Kate and Monk, passed into the door and sought their various resting places.

Quiet settled over the little pine-wood, rain-washed house.

(To be continued.)

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"YOU MISS MOTHER MUCH?"

Coal Operators and Miners Are Warned Against New Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. — Coal operators and miners have been given to understand in recent conferences with the federal fact finding coal commission that the American people will not stand for another strike, in the industry, John Hays Hammond chairman of the commission, said here today.

Failure to agree before expiration of the present agreement next April will bring recommendations from the commission for drastic legislation to avert another such industrial calamity such as the country experienced last summer, Hammond said.

180 MILES OF KATY LINE UNDER HAMMER

GREENVILLE, Texas, Dec. 16.—F. M. Etheridge, holding power of attorney for Frederick F. Freeman, representative of Cook and Nathan, New York City brokers, purchased the McKinney division and part of the Greenville Shreveport division of the Katy railroad here this afternoon.

A trackage of 180 miles changed hands in the sale.

A gold lace hat with diamonds set in the brim was insured in Paris recently for $85,000.

YOU AND I

JAM

New York City will have 25 million inhabitants in another hundred years and forty-five millions by the year 2000. So predicts its traffic expert, John A. Harriss. Other cities also will grow.

Feeding such a mob is a delightful prospect for future farmers. The men who till the soil already have about all they can handle, in the way of keeping city people alive.

Will they stand for their burden being doubled, tripled, quadrupled, and so on indefinitely? Not unless an army of Henry Fords gets into the farming business.

MONEY

German prices by the end of the year will be at least 24000 times higher than before the war.

If we had the same situation: A suit of clothes that cost $25 before the war would now be selling for $570,000. And a house that used to rent for $40 would now bring the landlord $80,000 a month.

It'd be a great sport, spending so much money—for a short time. But how would you like the job of trying to make your income rise as fast as cost of living, using German financial arithmetic?

LUXURY

Too much prosperity is bad for us. Luxury makes races decay. This novel theory is advanced by Lindberg, Swedish professor.

Most of us would be willing to take a chance.

However, the stomach thrives better on plain roast beef, whole wheat bread and boiled potatoes than on lobster, caviar and rich pies. So with nations. Nature didn't intend any of us to have more than we actually need to keep us alive and vigorous.

You never heard of a squirrel trying to "corner all the nuts in the woods to set himself up as a nut millionaire.

FAT

Here's a case that would keep any jury from going to sleep: In Kansas City, Mrs. Lorene Caldwell sued a railroad, claiming her weight (320 pounds) is due to one of her endocrine glands being injured in an accident. She says she weighed only 160 before the engine hit her, two years ago.

The jury awarded her $1,000.

Many slim women would give a lot for a slight bump on this particular endocrine gland—probably the pituary gland at the base of the brain. It regulates height and weight. Maybe gland doctors will make our descendants fat or slender, tall or short, by stimulating or "calming" the pituary. Maybe!

DIFFERENT

Man is always the pursued, woman the pursuer, claims Professor Frederick H. Koch of the University of North Carolina. You must admit he has courage, flying in the teeth of majority belief.

"Woman is the boss of the world. As soon as man learns that woman is the leader, the world will be better," says Koch.

Women rule—in small things. Men rule in big decisions. But usually some woman has a hand in making up a man's mind. Why not rule together, instead of either side pretending to be supreme?

MARRIAGE

Married people "grow stale of each other. Marriage, to be successful, must give a couple a vacation from each other." Few believe this. One who does is Professor Frederick H. Koch.

Most couples, when they think they want a divorce, really need only a temporary separation—a vacation.

Rodger Dolan says he'd give anything to get away, at times, from that most monotonous individual—himself.

The Mistakes of the Kaiser

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which contradict each other on every page, plain lies—and you will have an exact idea, before putting your hands upon it, of the imperial production to which these rapidly-written pages, based upon documents and upon proofs, will now seek to reply.

As is quite easily understandable, the emperor has harked back, in his memoirs, to the first years of his youth, when—unfortunately for the world!—definitive responsibility was placed in his hands. We may follow him back to those years, but hurriedly, since it is not possible to check his statements. Moreover, the useful task which we have set ourselves in writing these pages cannot be confined solely to this part of the memoirs, which, interesting as it might have seen in normal times, has been obliterated by the great drama which, after having been staged by the emperor, was then presided over by him. Everything, even what concerns the most exalted personage, is blunted and diminished when placed beside the monstrous realities of the war. And is even the din caused by the collapse of a throne and the downfall of a dynasty such as to ring long in human ears when it sounds simultaneously with the sinister tumult of armies on the march, armies hurling themselves on the foe, armies that fall, with victors and vanquished inextricably mixed, in a hecatomb spread over four years?

Nevertheless, every stone helps in building a building, every investigation in revealing truth.

When Comes William?

When, then, comes the man, who has led the world to the greatest disaster in history, who would have hurled it into the abyss if immortal generations had not stood up in answer to the appeal of justice? Everybody—the most humble as well as the greatest, the purest as well as the most wretched, and, particularly, he whose power for evil has distinguished him from others—may deserve an investigation into his past and even an investigation higher and further — probing into the annals of the race to which he belongs, his antecedents, his forebears. By what mysterious process was his soul formed? What individuals composed the species to which he belonged and were his predecessors? What part was played by flaws and good points, glories and infamies? What role was played, after the birth and first and innocent education of the child, by the education given the youth and the grown man? What role was played by contact, by external teaching? One may investigate all this—one ought, in fact, to do so—no matter whether such a retrospective investigation help or hurt him who is its object.

Whence came the man who today, after the disaster which he brought about, parades his haughty pride in the restricted refuge allowed him by a hospitality that is scandalous?

Formidable Hohenzollern Cradle.

A formidable castle, a citadel, palace and prison, massive and severe, fierce and chill, was the first shelter of that race which swooped down from this fastness, in the twelfth century, to prey upon the region roundabout, just as later on, triumphant and insolent, widening the scope of its plundering raids, it sought to prey upon the world. Such was the cradle of the Hohenzollerns.

From this lofty stronghold, the memory of which was often recalled by the Emperor himself, the Hohenzollerns sallied forth, first, to the conquest of Germany. It is a known fact that the motto still to be seen upon the romantic works of restoration of King Frederick William IV is "from the mountain to the sea." This was the slogan of the tribe. Likewise, be it understood, the aforementioned stronghold was, for centuries, like those of other German nobles, a nest of robbers, who made raids upon the surrounding plains, enriching themselves by means of murder and pillage. Their law was the law of force, the law of the fist.

How They Acquired Power.

Toward the end of the thirteenth century, the Hohenzollerns became Landgraves of Nuremberg. It is necessary to recall that Burgrave Frederick William was destined to receive Brandenburg, a flat land, poor of soil, which Frederick II called the "sand-pit" of Germany, a land without commerce or industries? Long and arduous indeed were the efforts of the Hohenzollerns to be ere they burst asunder these fetters, left behind this desert, increased this domain, added to the greatness of their clan and augmented their power — efforts, these, made up of strokes of violence, perfidy, pleadings and threats—a policy, in short, quite similar to that employed by them later on, when their activities had been transferred to a larger stage. Already fortune had smiled upon these men when an outlet on the Rhine had been given them (1614); thus the means for gaining riches and waging war lay ready to their hand.

Under the Great Elector (1640) and up to the death of Frederick II (1740), all was destined to please and profit the Hohenzollerns. As unscrupulous allies of the Poles, Swedes, French, Bavarians, Russians, and Saxons, they betrayed each of these in turn, violated treaties, and inaugurated in short, that policy of the future which was really placed on a firm footing in 1700, when they caused themselves to be recognized as kings of Prussia, becoming thus the equals of other kings, and raising Prussia, at the death of Frederick II, to equal rank with the great nations.

Thus it was that the conception arose, in this rude cradle, of the Military State, which was to become strengthened, to spread, to transmit itself in the shape of a powerful and formidable heritage. This conception traversed the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, and flashed forth, with sinister light, in 1870 and 1914. Having withstood everything—the noble evolution of ideas, the revolutionary movement which regenerated Europe—it sought, finally, to tear liberty to pieces in a tremendous struggle. With this historical spectacle upon which to feast his eyes — those eyes set ever more fixedly upon the gratification of mad ambitions—beset by the intoxication emanating from it, dazzled by its gleam, Emperor William II grew up from the earliest days of his childhood; he was drunk from such influences on the day of his coronation.

GOVERNORS FAVOR MAINTAINING "HANDS OFF" POLICY IN AMERICA

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Va., Dec 16.—Extreme caution should be the keynote of America's course in considering the advisability of intervening, financially or otherwise, in Europe's tangled affairs.

This represents in cross section the views of a number of the governors in conference here, concerning the impending decision of the Harding administration which is expected to result in putting the United States again into the role of the savior of Europe

Caution Advised

"America should be careful not to get into the position of Atlas, carrying the whole world on its shoulders," said Governor Sproul, Pennsylvania. "The problem is so intricate and so far-reaching that it is impossible to discuss it intelligently or wisely without study. No one can say off hand what should or should not be done by this government. But we should be careful."

"Governor Morrison, North Carolina, declared that having refused to go into the league of nations to view that we should "now play a consistent part and keep our hands off entirely. But snap judgment or feeling should not prevail in such a situation. It requires great wisdom and prudent statesmanship to handle it to the best interests of the American people."

Governor Richie, Maryland, declined to discuss for quotation his views, but said he found the belief very strong among people with whom he had talked that the reparations question must be entirely revised before a lasting and equitable settlement of Europe's difficulties would occur. Whether the United States should take the lead in bringing about the revision, Ritchie said, he would not hazard an opinion.

Problem Is Gigantic

"It is a gigantic problem calling for the best genius of statesmanship to solve," said Governor Parker, Louisiana. "The government at Washington will no doubt act on complete information and President Harding and those associated with him have weighed carefully all aspects of the problem, and assayed the consequence of American intervention. The summons to Mr. Harvey to return to Washington for a conference is an evidence of that. The people of the country should have the determining voice in settling the policy, and doubtless the government will do its utmost to bend its policy to their will."

Europe Should Decide

Governor McKelvie, Nebraska, declared one matter should be eliminated from consideration at the outset. "We should not for a moment consider cancellation of the foreign debt," said McKelvie, "I believe we might with advantage both to ourselves and to Europe advance credits to the solvent nations with the express understanding that the credits so provided be used in purchasing products of American farms and factories. Furthermore we should insist before we even agreed to go to Europe's aid that reduction of armaments must be brought about at once as an evidence of Europe's good faith and willingness to devote its entire energy to getting back to a normal peace basis. We certainly should not use the substance of the American people—not one dollar to help European militarists realize imperialistic dreams."

FRANKNESS

BY DERTON BRALEY

When anyone says "To be perfectly frank—"
As preface to further remark,
I know he's about to say things that are rank,
To which I must patiently hark.
He'll haul all my faults into pitiless light,
And strip the truth woefully bare,
For "Frankness" implies, if I read it aright,
"Get ready, I'm going to be rude!"

No one ever says, "To be perfectly frank,
I think you are noble and smart,"
Ah no, it's a sign they're preparing to yank
Your character roughly apart.
So when "To be frank" is the opening phrase,
I shudder, prepared to endure
Opinions of all my actions and ways
Which will not be pleasant, I'm sure.

We say we want frankness from all of our friends,
But when it comes down to a test,
We find that the comradeship frequently ends
Through Frankness too frankly expressed;
For neither your character, brother, nor mine,
Of faults and of foibles is blank;
So let us forget them, we'll get along fine
By not being "Perfectly Frank!"

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TWO SLAIN BY BANDITS

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—Peter Kiesek and Frank Chrzanowski, proprietors of a pool room, were shot without warning by two bandits who robbed their place here today. Kiesek was almost instantly killed. Chrzanowski's wounds were slight, it was said at the hospital.

To prevent chilblains, rub the hands and feet with damp salt.

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